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Call to make pet theft a crime

Petition committee asks for pet theft to be made a specific crime

THE HOUSE of Commons Petitions Committee have called on the government to make pet theft a specific crime.

They have written to the Minister of Justice, Robert Buckland, calling on the government to assess the value of pets, particularly dogs, are valued in the law as a deterrent for those that may commit a crime that can have a devastating impact on pet owners and their families.

In the letter they write, 'Since 2018, petitioners have been pressing both Parliament and Government to make changes to the law on pet theft to ensure that the value of pets is fully recognised in statute and that sentencing options available to the court are a real deterrent against committing what can be a devastating crime.'

The Petitions Committee is today publishing

a video and transcript of a discussion held earlier this month on this issue between Tom Hunt MP, a member of the Committee, Dr Daniel Allen, the creator of three petitions calling for pet theft reform, which combined have received almost a quarter of a million signatures, and campaigners on this issue.

'Dr Allen's most recent petition "Make pet theft a specific offence with custodial sentences" calls for a minimum two-year sentence for the crime. I would encourage you and your Ministerial colleagues to watch this discussion and see the impact that pet theft can have on the pet owners who have had to deal with it. It is available on the UK Parliament YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GG8QJQIFVJM>

'It is clear to us from this discussion that the responses from the Government to successive petitions, relying on guidance from the Sentencing Council on the level of harm a theft causes, is not enough to deal with this crime. As Dr Allen raised in our discussion, these are acts undertaken by criminals "despite knowing the devastating impact pet theft has on families". Freya Woodhall, who spoke to us about her 20-month search for her stolen Springer Spaniel Willow, described how she and her family have spent more than a year and a half "living in limbo."

Scale

'Without a specific offence of pet theft, it remains difficult to confirm the true scale of the problem in the UK but based on limited reporting by police it is likely to exceed to thousands of cases each year.

Research by pet theft reform campaigners has shown that the number of thefts is increasing each year, but the number of charges is going down. By creating a specific offence of pet theft these cases could be both punished and deterred more effectively.

There'll be bluebirds over...



This stunning photo by Olivia Tinsley is Deburmann Ch Jazevick David's Ivy JW. Ivy is seen here at The White Cliffs in Dover at around 5am. She is owned by Josh Henderson and Jackie and Victoria Ingram.



Debbie Matthews of Vets Get Scanning is a supporter of the call to make a supporter of the call and is part of the Stolen and Missing Pets Alliance. Vets Get Scanning appeals to all vets to adopt a practice policy where all dogs are scanned for microchips, which means stolen and lost dogs can be more easily reunited with their owners.

'At the very least, the Government should require the police and courts to specifically record the number of reported crimes, arrests and convictions for the theft of pets so the true scale of this problem is made clear.

'Ministers could bring forward legislation, either by amending the Theft Act or the Animal Welfare Act, that would create a specific new offence of pet theft with an appropriate sentencing range that will act as a deterrent and provide a punishment that reflects the impact of stealing a living creature and possession.

'In recent years, Parliament has passed Fines' Law to ensure that service animals are protected and Lucy's Law to crack-down on puppy farming. Bringing forward a specific offence of pet theft would be an important and welcome addition to new laws to protect animals. So, we are asking you

to reconsider the requested refusal to bring forward this change, in spite of the significant support that this campaign continues to receive, and the greater party members on this issue.'

There was an attempt to introduce a Pet Theft Bill as a Private Members Bill by Ross Thompson MP in the last Parliament but without government support it had little chance of succeeding.

Dr Daniel Allen, an Animal Geographer at Keele University, has researched the issue and his findings conclude that dog theft has continued to increase from every year from 2015 to 2019.

The same research also found that there have been a reduction of charges for the same period.

In the discussion he points out, 'In 2018... just

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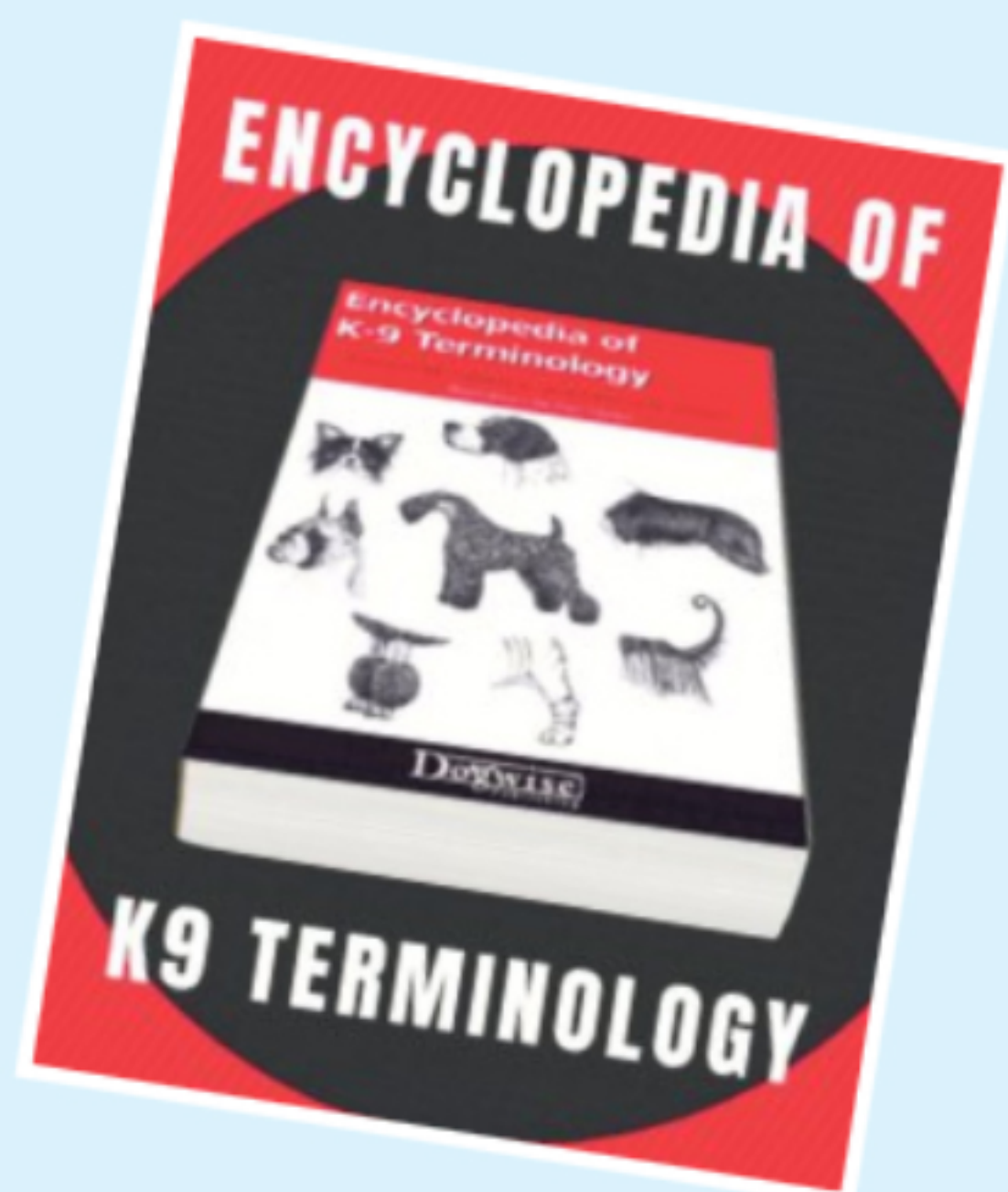


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History of the Russian Toy (Russkiy Toy/Русский той)

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the Ministry of Agriculture.

In May 1972, at the 7th Moscow Exhibition the description of the Toy Terrier was printed with some modifications. There was a good entry of Smooth Haired entered into the exhibition, 28 dogs and 59 bitches. The colours noted were 68 Black and Tan, four Black, two Brown and Tan, nine Brown, one Fawn, one Deer colour and Red. The Long-haired variety are also represented with 11 males, 24 females. Colours noted included 16 Black and Tan, two Black, 12 Brown, four Red and one Red with a dark coating.

These standards are "unofficial", they were reprinted and passed from club to club. At the same time work was underway to seek



Russian Toy of the 1970s

approval of these standards by the All-Union Cynological Council.

On 23rd December 1980, the standard for the Long Haired was at last adopted by the All-Union Cynological Council of the USSR Ministry of Agriculture. In this standard the long-haired variety was called the "Moscow long-haired toy terrier."

On the 24th March 1981, it was approved by order of the Main Directorate for the Conservation of Nature Reserves, Forestry and Hunting of the USSR Ministry of Agriculture under No. 10.

The new standard for the Smooth-Haired Toy Terrier was adopted a little later and on the 30th November, 1985 and approved by order of the Main Directorate for Nature Protection of Nature Reserves, Forestry and Hunting of the Ministry of Agriculture of the USSR on 17th December, 1985.

The height for the Long Haired ranged from 20 - 30cm whereas the Smooth Haired 18 - 26 cm. The colour section was updated adding any colour with black overlay, Fawn, Blue and Blue and Tan, this section also included a detailed description of the tan markings.

By these two standards, the breed developed independently of each other.

In the 80s with the fall of the Iron Curtain and the start of active importation of dogs of rare and exotic breeds to Russia,



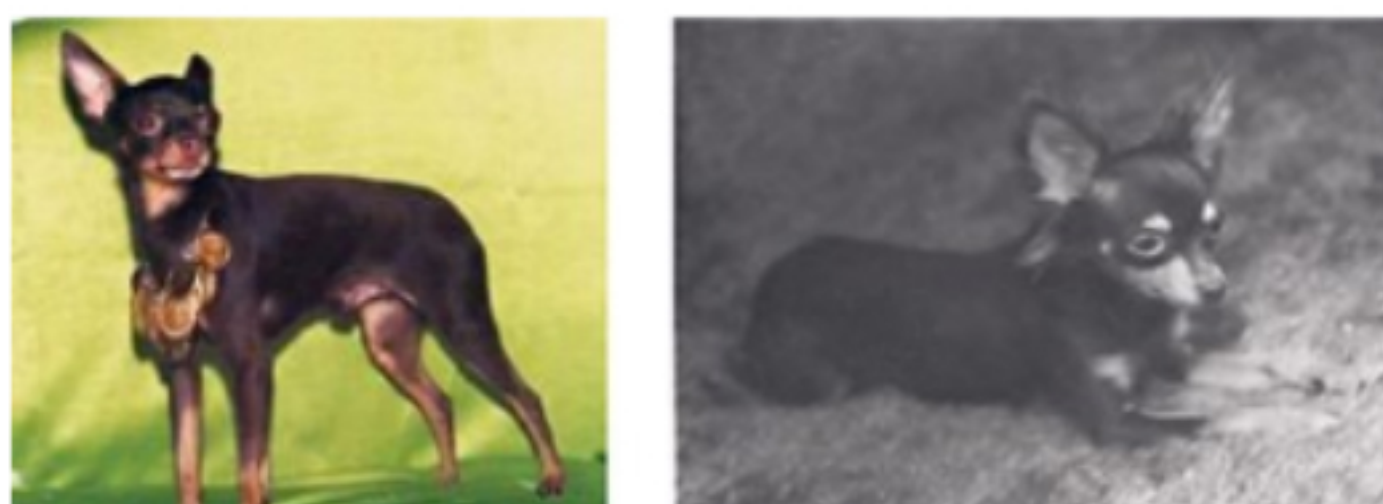
Russian Toy of the 1980s

interest in the domestic breeds diminished.

By the beginning of the 90s, the number of Toy Terriers was greatly reduced, with the number of Long Haired at a critical level. Thankfully once again the breed managed to survive. A new young generation of breeders became actively interested in the breed and worked hard for the breeds survival.

In 1998, the Russian Kynological Federation approved a new breed standard for the Russian Toy Terrier. Under the standard the Russian smooth-haired and Moscow long-haired toy terriers were combined as two varieties of the same breed.

In 1999, the RKF decided to combine both varieties into one breed name the Russian Toy Terrier Smooth and Long Haired.



Russian Toy of the 1990s

They were listed under Group 3. Terriers. Section 4. Decorative terriers, without working trials. The unified standard was adopted in 2000.

A breed standard was sent to the Fédération Cynologique Internationale for breed recognition, however the FCI were then in the process of rewriting a new pattern of standards for newly recognized breeds. In accordance with this new pattern the breed standard was rewritten in 2003 and approved by the Breeding Commission of RKF under Group 3 Terriers. Section 4 Toy Terriers. Without working trial.

It was in 2006 that the breed was finally examined by the FCI. It was at this time that the term 'Terrier' was dropped from



Russian Toy 2003 - 2004

the breed description. The Russian Toy Smooth Haired and Russian Toy Long Haired was given provisional status under the classification of Group: No. 9 - Companion and Toy Dogs. Section: Continental Toy Spaniel and Russian Toy.

The National Breed Club "Russian Toy" (NKP), Moscow, Russia was formed in 1996 and works closely with the Russian



Russian Toy 2008

Kynological Federation on all aspects of breed including exhibitions, registrations and health and welfare. This relationship was paramount during the process of presenting the Russian Toy to the FCI for full recognition at the World Show in 2016. It would take another year along with some changes to the breed standard before the hard work came to fruition and on the 7th November, 2017, at the FCI Assembly in Germany the Russian Toy gained full recognition with CACIB status.

The Russian Toy has gained in popularity not only in Europe but around the world including countries such as America,



Russian Toy 2017

Australia and Japan. At last the future is secure for the Russian Toy with dedicated breeders and enthusiasts not only from its mother country but in those countries that are fortunate enough to welcome this breed into their hearts.

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RUSSIAN TOY



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A to Z of breeds: Russian Toy

A judge's perspective

An interview with RKF - FCI expert Dmitry Prozorov is conducted by Elena Kryukova - the President of the National Breed Club

Good afternoon, Dmitry. We are very grateful that you have found time to meet and answer some questions. Some time ago you judged at one of the biggest shows of the year, a Club Champion special show in the framework of the First World Dog show of Russian breeds. Would you share your general impressions about the exhibitors with us?

It was the third National Russian Toys show I had judged. I remember how I judged the first national show in the 90s. I remember very similar livestock, especially in the smooths. At the second show in 2013 I was faced with a problem of very different types. I think the reason is in a revised standard, when the breed was provisionally recognized by the FCI, mostly in widening of the size limits from 18-26cm to 28cm. Taking into consideration a 2cm tolerance it makes 30cm. I think it is correct that in the amended standard size limits were decreased.

What are the main criteria for your evaluations? What is essential for you in a Russian Toy breed type?

Type is the essence of a breed, its picture and image, made from the characteristics that make it unique and different from all the others.

I evaluate by the three Ts - Type, Temperament and Topline.

Temperament and topline are more or less clear to anyone who judges the breed, or other breeds even, but the notion of a breed type demands some comments.

I consider the following things essential for Russian toy breed type:

Size (24-25 cms and weight 2.2-2.3 kgs). The winner a breed ring should be close to this size and weight limits for me. The Russian Toy is one of the smallest breeds in the world, so size is a big part of its characteristic.

The next thing is shape. Shape means proportions, topline, its unique underline with a beautiful curve, correct angulations; a long-legged dog. The set of ears, tail

and reach of neck also influence the general impression of the shape.

The third point is the head and typical expression. A Russian Toy's head should be small compared to the body, it should have a nice expression and be without any coarseness.

Head and typical expression are an integral part of a breed type; they define 'belonging' to the breed. Therefore a well-constructed dog with a nice shape, but which lacks a typical head, should never get highly placed in the ring.

Coat quality is also very important both for long-haired and smooth-haired toys. Smooth-haired toys should have no alopecia or big bald patches (on temporal fossa, head and chest), and long-haired toys should have enough hair on the ears and tail. The edge of the ear in adult long-haired toys should be necessarily covered.

You have mentioned different types existing in the breed. We have talked about a desirable breed type, but how should deviations to this be evaluated and dealt with?

It is very important for a Russian Toy judge to understand the standards of such popular toy breeds as the Chihuahua, Papillon, Miniature Pinscher, Italian sighthound and Prague ratter.

In a Russian toy ring such a judge will be able to grasp easily any undesirable tendencies connected with crossbreeding. Type is often overlooked in the ring, but every judge should remember that without it the very definition of the breed is lost. Assessing a Russian toy at the show, the judge should take into account all (the maximum) of the Russian toy characteristics.

Presence of different interbreed types is a structure of a breed, and presence of a structure is a necessary condition for a breed existence. Excessive homogeneity in the breed can become a serious anchor for its further progress. At present we can observe two



extreme interbreed types in Russian toys and one desirable type.

If we imagine the whole range of existing breed types, we will get such a diagram: ELEGANT, LEAN-ELEGANT, LEAN, LEAN-STRONG. It is desirable to have a Russian toy's construction somewhere between lean-elegant and lean.

In general the presence of different constitutions in a dog population is normal and extreme types should not be thrown out. I believe that the problem can arise when they breed one of the extremes "in itself" in some kennels or regions. This can lead to getting a population of toys that do not correspond to the breed.

Which main faults in a Russian toy's head construction would you like to draw the breeders' attention to?

A Russian toy's head should be proportional first of all, with a good balance of skull and muzzle.

As for faults, I often point out long and narrow muzzles, usually this is connected with a narrow and shallow jaw, which in turn leads to lack of space for proper incisor placement, so it results in incisors not being in a line or even a lack of incisors.

You can often see smooth stops, you may say dogs with 'plain' heads. Also I have seen the other extreme type of heads - like Chihuahua, an 'exaggerated' type.

I have also noted incorrect set and shape of ears and seen some with rounded tips on the ears. Though you can't see ear shape in a longhaired toy, I would advise the judges to examine their shape. Special attention should also be paid to ear set. As for me, I am against the wording in the new standard that lets "slightly directed sideward" ears in the longhaired variety, as it may be understood in the wrong way and could lead to the 'fixing' of incorrect ear set to offspring.

I find poor pigmentation a serious fault and always mention

it. Standard demands nose pigmentation according to the colour, but it should not be weak.

Pink eye rims, yellow eyes and pink nose affect not only the general appearance. It is known that the intensity of pigmentation is directly related to the overall health, resistance to allergens and a stronger immune system. All body tissues (organs) are developed from three layers of a so-called embryonic shamrock. From the outer layer - ectoderm a nervous tube (the basis of the entire nervous system) and the epidermis (outer layer of the skin) are formed. Hair is a derivative of the epidermis. Thus, the correlation between the presence and quality of pigment in hair, skin, iris and the state of the nervous system is obvious.

The nervous system controls all the body's functions, and it determines the level of the individual's resilience and, accordingly, its behavior.

I watch not only the colour of the eyes. Some dogs have protruding eyes, you can even see the white, and there are some dogs with untypical expressions. The side of the problem - small eyes with lack of expression, almond shaped eyes that are not rounded enough. Since the toy is a dwarf toy breed, their eyes and expression affect the whole look.

What would you say about missing teeth? What is your attitude to other faults in the bite?

The Toy is one of the few breeds where the standard tolerates two missing incisors in the upper or lower jaws. I personally hope this is a temporary measure. It does not make sense to take away from breeding, and therefore to give a lower mark to an outstanding dog with such a fault. But it is hardly necessary to breed an average dog with an incomplete set of incisors as well. In my opinion such a dog should not be awarded a title/high mark. So, this issue requires

an individual approach. Dogs that have canines into a palate and gums get a disqualification in accordance with the FCI circular.

Breeders should watch after the change of teeth and take off puppy teeth in time to prevent any bite abnormalities related to it. The judge has to evaluate the dog 'here and now' and he can't know what caused this or that abnormality.

What general faults in construction do you find intolerable in dogs?

Any loss of or lack of type is absolutely unacceptable for any dog. While judging I accept a shorter neck in the long-haired variety, but I do find it undesirable.

I can tolerate slightly 'free' elbows, especially in younger dogs, as long as the dog was generally otherwise harmonious, but not mature enough.

I gave a "very good" mark and less to dogs with a split topline, with poorly pronounced withers, domed loins and short sloping croups.

I take as undesirable short dogs in smooth-hair variety.

I also find undesirable overly long coupling and insufficiently long legs, but I again have been loyal to it, mostly in the long-haired variety, since that fault is related with specifics in the breed's origin and development. Nevertheless, my Best of Breeds and Best Junior winners have always been dogs of the desirable modern breed type and the correct shape.

If we speak about the show population in general, to what most common faults would like to pay attention?

Long-haired toys have too much bone and are not long-legged enough. It's important to watch this as the breed progresses if you judge. Smooth toys are often too square in shape, with shallow chests and domed toplines.

What are your thoughts on white markings?

I am tolerant of a small white spot in a high quality dog.

I would like to remind you of the words of one famous breeder: 'First get the dog and then paint it'.

How important do you find movement and what movement do you look for in a Russian toy?

When I judge, I always have in my mind an idea that a dog's appearance should be functional.

I think, for many breeds, movement is a kind of test for matching the breed. Afghan movement, for example, is flying, smooth movement with the

hovering, a Poodle's dancing, springy, and a Russian toy's a moderately spacious trot and outline, which differs very little in static or in motion.

I am very sorry that the new version of the standard does not have the phrase 'outline differs very little in static and movement'. In my opinion, it characterises typical movement in the best way, and it needs to be returned.

A Russian toy's movement is an integral part of the breed type. It is unacceptable for a Russian toy to have a trot like a German Shepherd. But, nevertheless, movement must be balanced, straightforward and free. Neither jaunty, nor speeding.

How important is temperament for a Russian Toy? Do you punish demonstrations of shyness or aggression in the ring? Can a Toy that does not raise his tail in the ring a placing/title?

I pay attention to temperament but the severity of the mark depends very much on age.

In babies, puppies and in juniors I am happy to be tolerant to a lack of confidence and ideal contact between the dog and its handler. In adult classes my concern would be more serious, since no matter how beautiful the dog is, if it has problem with temperament, it can't answer the main utilization of the breed - a companion dog. Such a dog, depending on the severity of the fault, should get a lower mark, up to disqualification.

Temperament is a very important part of the Russian Toy breed type. Unfortunately, a judge cannot always see the behavior of each dog and handler in the ring, especially if they are examining another dog at the time. But if I see manifestations of aggression or cases of 'dirty handling', the handler gets a notion or is removed from the ring.

What else would you like to tell to Toy lovers?

I want suggest holding Toy stock inspection in breeding centers all over Russia. I am ready to offer myself as a judge and I hope that it will be you, who support me in this (editor - Elena Kryukova, president of the RT breed club). Then we together voluntarily will be able to assess the state of the breed in the breeding centers of Russian toys and to understand what characteristics the top winners of the day have.

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Living with the Russian Toy - and living without him

IN A few words it can be utter mayhem!! One thing that can be guaranteed is it will never be dull with a Russian Toy in your life.

As for a difference between the coats, I personally find the Long Haired to be more up for a game and more persistent in most things (especially if it is doing something naughty), they are always looking for something to get up to! In the Dachshund world the Wire Haired is often classed as the clown of the breed and I would say this applies to the Long Haired in the Russian Toy.

The Smooths, whilst they also love fun and games, have this regal air about them, some would say a look of snobbery, especially when sitting on your lap and surveying the scene around them. You can see them at times looking at what their Long haired buddies are getting up to and tutting with a roll of the eyes! I find the Smooths slightly more territorial and they love to find a sunny spot by a window or door so they can keep an eye on who may just come up the garden path, however, the Long Haired take great joy in joining in and it can almost be a competition of who can bark loudest and longest!

But enough of my ramblings and time for other owners to give you all a snapshot of what it is like to live with a Russian Toy (or two!).

So, I'm sat watching the day of Toys at Crufts 2019 and into the ring struts this confident, charismatic, bold little dog (now known to me as Bennie - Russiandream Bennie Orion) and what a dream he looked.

It was 25 years since I had been in the show ring and our first dogs were a Dobermann and a Boxer, but when I saw this dog he excited me, he was different - I'd never seen this breed! I was straight on the phone looking for more information on the breed. I couldn't wait to find out more so gave it a couple of days and contacted Bennie's owner Sharlene Harrison.

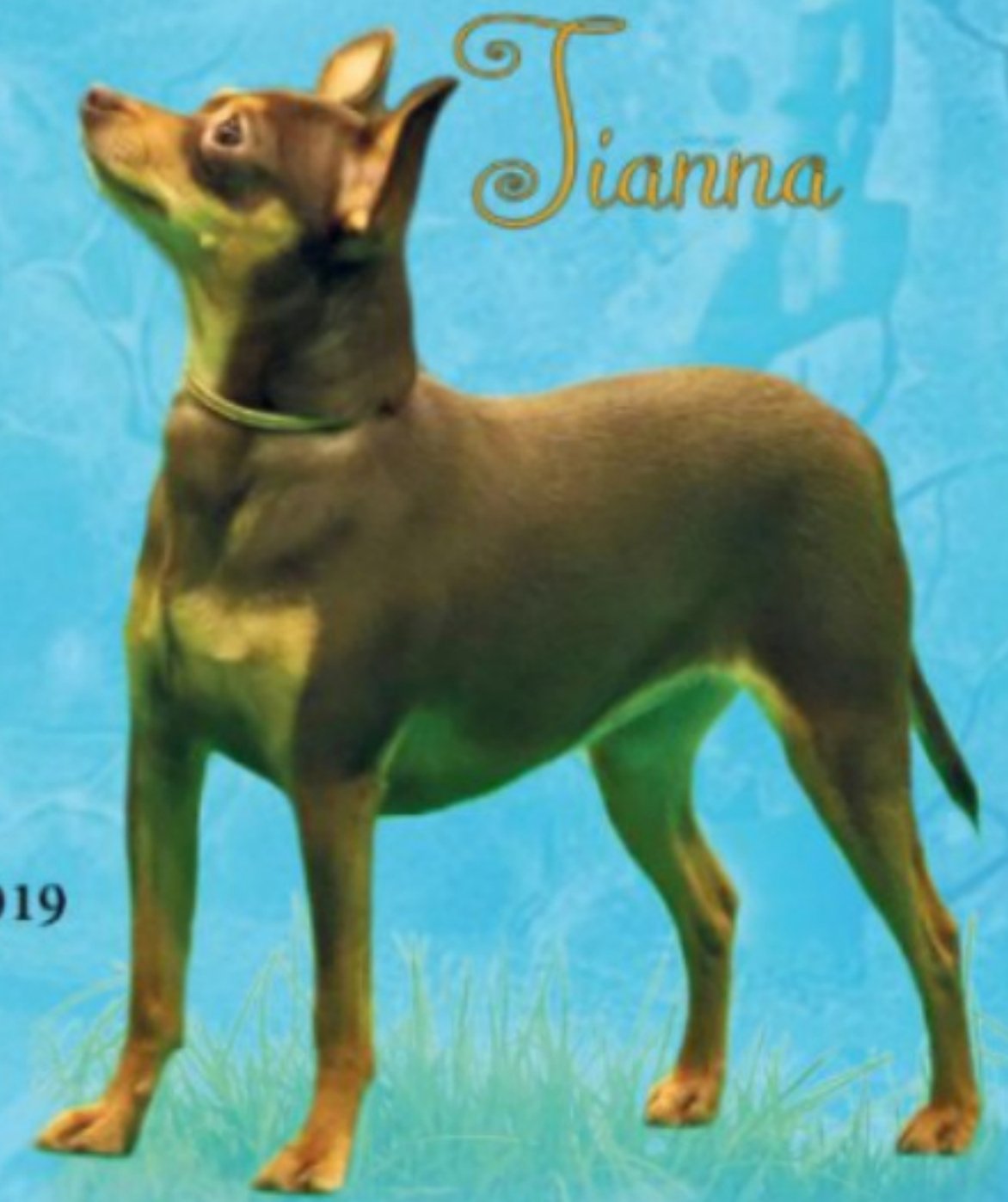
I soon learnt that this was a fairly new breed to the UK so started my research straight away and that's where I came across my Boris (Kinas Budda Elbrus), imported from Latvia and bred by Loretta Dudele.

Boris was nothing like any dog I'd experienced before, he was the usual playful puppy but he was so loving and so eager to please, which



Always looking for something to get up to!

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made training him really easy (Boris took to the puppy obedience training really well so we started the show training).

Boris has done me proud with his showing from 7-12mths winning at many shows and qualifying for Crufts 2020 where he was placed 3rd. Boris also came 3rd in Puppy of the Year for his breed, who would have thought this would be us in less than a year from seeing Bennie.

The love and excitement he has brought to my life is fantastic, the meeting people and learning so much about this wonderful breed has been my passion for this last year. There are pros and cons like all breeds, so in my opinion here they are:-

Pros: Loving, full of character, lively, clever, loyal, ideal for a family, a protector, perfect size.

Cons: Vocal, vocal and vocal, territorial.

This being said, it hasn't put me off at all, he is my world and has brought a different dimension to my life, so much so I've now imported a second Russian Toy, a little girl called Afina (Stempfort Bugatti at Lingkiss), a Black and Tan and full of life (my husband calls her his little Dobermann!).

So to anyone looking for a dog this could be a perfect dog for you too.

Angela Codling - Lingkiss



So you want to know about Russian Toys?

There is nothing wrong with that.
A dog with a heart of gold,
But no bigger than a cat.
If you want a quiet dog,
The Russian Toy might not be for you,
As they love to hear their own voice,
And can sing from morning till noon.
If you want to climb a mountain,
They'll be with you every step of the way,
But when settling in for the night,
The bed is where they stay.
Snuggled under the duvet,
Warming up your toes,
The Russian Toy might be the perfect dog for you,
To help your family grow.

Nicole Williams - Lionize

After 20 years of living with and showing the Papillon, I was at a show in Ireland and in the same ring I saw my first Russkiy Toy (Russian toy) and I fell in love with the breed. I must admit I have a leaning towards the long haired variety. Five months later I got my first Russkiy.



The Russian Toy can make the perfect dog for any family, but he can be very vocal!

At first I was worried how they would socialise with my Papillons, but there was no need to worry, they fitted right in. The Russkiy is a very loyal dog, once they accept you you have a companion for life, a very loving dog who always wants to be with you.

When I first started to look for a Russkiy I was told they are a loving dog, but not that they are also tiny terrorists! Into every thing a very inquisitive little dog, and a very large dog in a small package, well that's what they think!

They can at times be very vocal, you do not need a door bell with a Russkiy, they have fantastic hearing.

I found the Russkiy an easy dog to train and also a very smart dog, they know how to twist you round their little paws. I started off with one and I now have five, of which one has gained his Irish title in Ireland.

People have often asked me after all the years in Papillons what made me go into a second breed, I have no answer to that one, I just fell in love at first sight.

Keith and Pauline Rimmer - Pepeke

I have always had dogs in my house, as a Russian from Latvia where I grew up and now here in the UK with my Ollarena Kennel of Russian Toy dogs.

I mainly had medium sized breeds over the years but had always wanted a smaller dog and, after researching on the Web, we saw details of the Russian Toy and I knew this was the perfect breed for me.

Our story began in 2014 when I first imported a puppy from Belgium, and since then have had dogs from Russia, Belarus and Latvia, as well as breeding litters of my own.



The Russian Toy must be involved in everything

This little dog introduced me to the show ring and a whole new world. As well as the UK we have travelled to many shows overseas. I have both the Smooth Haired and Long Haired and have found that both have the whole package, loyal, independent, loving, and scared of nothing!

It is hard to describe the personality of the breed as all my dogs have different traits, but they are happy to run in the woods for hours or snuggle up on the chair for a sleep. They must be involved in everything you do, even to help the children with their homework!

They are alarm dogs so when the doorbell goes it can be quite a din!

I have made many friends here and abroad through a shared love of the breed and look forward too many more years of the Russian Toy enriching my life.

Iveta Holyland - Ollarena

Six years ago I saw my first Russian Toy. I did not know about the breed until then. Cliché I know but it was love at first sight and I have not been proven wrong, they are intelligent, demanding, hectic, lively, loving, incredibly athletic and would walk all day if you wanted them to.

As the years have progressed, I now have five all very different characters, although the one same trait is mutual love between us. I'm alerted to virtually anything that moves, from a car to recently a caterpillar creeping up my arm!

I have a constant personal shadow wherever I go. They can also chat in a suggesting manner which will not be ignored! A charming companion and best friend. A big dog in a little body.

Karen Leach - Moyadacha

Life without a Russian Toy

After being owned by the Russian Toy for seven years Sharlene Harrison of Russiandream gives a different spin by writing about Life without a Russian Toy.

My journey began with the broody baby blues. To end all sibling squabbles about a new



A charming companion and your best friend



Now with a kennel for showing and breeding Russian Toys, here is my reflection of "Life without a Russian Toy"

Christmas would be less expensive: My neighbours are exhaustively bribed at special occasions to make up for the noisy hullabaloo in the gardens. It helps to have elderly neighbours, that refer to them as "baby dogs". As a result, they remain excused for their excessive barking when visitors arrive, getting away with murder!

Speaking of which, prepare to be judged as a weak dog owner, and the only reason other people don't understand your circumstances is because they have yet to be hypnotised by those big soulful eyes of a Russian toy! (For reference, picture the scene of Shrek's Puss in Boots, with those giant kitty eyes).

You would need the perseverance and discipline of a military soldier to handle a Russian Toy. Here's what our score board would look like: Russians 2483 Humans 0.

Meal times would not be a picnic: yup, those kitty eyes again. The Russian Toys will find the perfect spot in your field of vision as you dine. They will vocalise with gentle grumbles and tap their feet to get your attention. The result: Each of our family members, now save seven tiny pieces of meat on our plates for our seven Russians!

Discover the TV remote: If you need to scratch your back, stretch your arms out or even use the bathroom, the mystical Russian Toys have the power to evoke a guilt trip like no other. As you jostle your way off the settee for the remote, the power of the TV control is secondary to the dejected gaze of a Russian Toy. And it doesn't end there. You will have the Russian fan following you as guards stationed at the bathroom door. That is just to make sure you don't climb out the bathroom window without them.

You don't need a dog bed with a Russian Toy because you are their bed! Your seat is their seat in addition to your lap, neck, chest, arms, shoulders and sometimes they could even just sit on your face.

Trudge

A walk that is not a catwalk: You might decide to walk your Russian toy in some casual scruffs. A brisk trudge around the block before dinner time. It won't be quick and you are going to wish you dressed better with the attention that comes your way. In fact you might want to get a T-shirt that reads "My dog is not a Chihuahua".

Make sure you rehearse the breed history and standard better than remembering your wedding anniversary date and keep those hands manicured as you pose for stranger's pictures with your Russian Toy.

Predator vs Protector: Their superbly large ears are like the wings of an angel, flying over to your protection. They take their appointed title of "Watch Dog" very seriously. However, like space, size is another aspect that is not understood with the Russian Toys. And because of their heroic bravery, you would need protecting them when they are protecting you. Challenging seagulls on our roof top and garden over a meaty bone has become a regular occurrence.

The husband might get a spare compliment or two: They can be no words to describe their majestic allure. Living with my babies night after day for many years, they continually take my breath away with their beauty. Your phone will be filled with more photos of your Russian toy than the rest of the family. Your husband realises very quickly, that he is no longer the apple of your eye, and comments of the nature "You're such a handsome man", or "Look how beautiful you are"; are almost never directed towards him.



Ears like the wings of an angel

You are probably wondering why I have so many Russian Toys? If we didn't have the slightest bit of tolerance, none of us would be married or have children. Despite all their idiosyncrasies and demands, our lives would be dull as dishwater without my overjoyed companions. They will never fail to amuse you with their antics, whether it is catching flies, or getting their head stuck in your crisp bag. Our madhouse is a happy madhouse, and this is my Russiandream.

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Pet name Ritchie

Breeder Andris Seksts

Sire: LVA CH Elshanel Amur Brillante

Dam: LVA CH Nochnaya Melodiya Amber Delis



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Pet name Bailey

Date of birth 11/09/2017

Sire: Pol Ch Fullhouse bulls ronin

Dam Norka z Bursztynowej Kolekcji

Breeder Mrs J Paszynska



APAILANA WHICH WAYS WHICH

Pet name Hazel

Date of birth 17/09/2019



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A to Z of breeds: Russian Toy

Showing and other activities

ALTHOUGH VERY new to the show ring in the UK, the Russian Toy has already attracted quite a following. Entries at General Championship shows have steadily increased since starting out in early 2018.

This year was (pre Coronavirus!) to see another milestone for the Import breeds. From 2020 shows would have to provide at least one class per Import breeds, rather than combining groups. This move would ensure that there would be an Import breed represented in each group. This was exciting news for the Russian Toy, as sometimes it was quite overpowering being in the ring with some of the larger breeds.

To give an indication of how the number of entries has progressed over just two years, the first Championship show that the Russian Toy could enter was WELKS in 2018. The entry for that year was 10 dogs making 13 entries, in 2019 the entry rose to 21 dogs making 23 entries. The entries increased at most shows for 2019 compared to 2018.



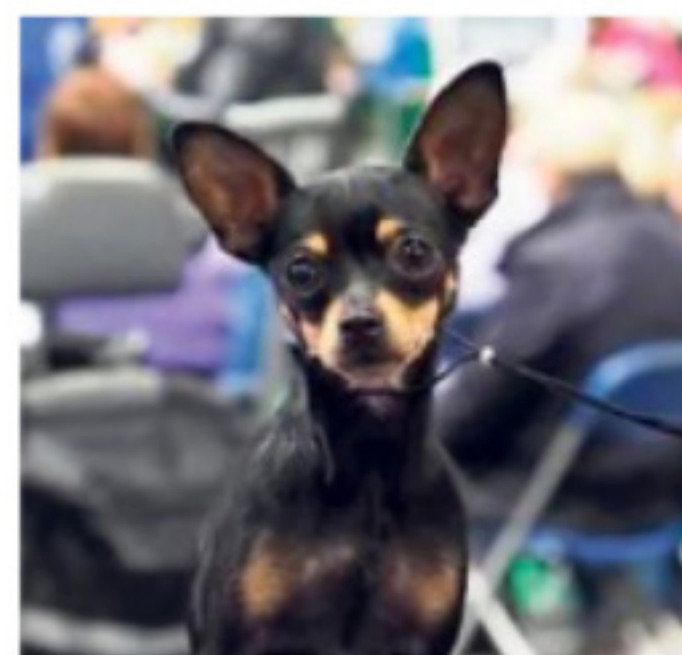
Russlandream Bennie Orton Crufts BOB and Top Russian Toy 2019

This is a breed that is easy to maintain for the show ring. The Smooth Haired, of course, being the easiest to prepare with just nails to trim, teeth to clean and a quick once over with a velvet cloth to the coat. Even the Long Haired is relatively easy, nails and teeth as before but with the

extra combing of the ear fringing and a quick tidy of the hair over the nails (the hair should cover the nails but still neat and tidy). Feathering on the tail and legs, again comb through and finish off the topcoat by using a short bristle brush.

The eyes need to be kept clean as some are apt to tear staining. They are not a breed that requires bathing for every show, just every 8 - 10 wks is usually adequate, although in the Long Haired the ears can become a little greasy and so they often benefit from a quick pre-show wash.

The Russian Toy can be shown either free standing or stacked; standing still is not easy for a Russian Toy!! They love to move and are at their best when able to stride around the ring head held proud and tail carried high forming a slight curve (when standing it is acceptable for the tail to be at rest).



Manatek Austin Tacious Top Puppy 2018

We are extremely fortunate to have many super dogs imported to the UK including those from Stempfort, Iz Beloi Rusi, Fiesta Show, Royal Alliance, Just Angel, Vivaprima and Grande Misterio to name just a few.

Inna Larionova of Grande Misterio has been the OUR DOGS Top Breeder for 2018 and 2019 having bred GM Ula La at Manatek Top Dog 2018, Runner up 2019, GM Beatrix my Soul at Manatek and GM Russian Fairytale at Salatini who is owned by Nikki Hunter and Ann

Collins. Another dog imported to the UK is Rus and IR Ch Mechta Yuvekira Amsterdam at Pepeke, owned and shown by Keith Rimmer and is the first Russian Toy in the UK to gain an Irish



Title.

This article would not be complete without mentioning Crufts. It had been a long held dream for us all, both in the UK and Overseas, to have the Russian Toy finally in the show ring at this prestigious show. It was a marvellous entry for judge Roni Doedijns [Netherlands] of 34 dogs making 42 entries at our first Crufts in 2019.

As well as those from the UK, exhibitors travelled from Russia, Latvia and Ireland to compete. Our BOB went to Sharlene Harrison's homebred boy Russlandream Bennie Orton who also went on to be Top Dog in 2019. In 2020 with an entry of 36 dogs, 39 entries for judge Ann Igram, BOB went to Multi Ch CH Natalie Toys Milan owned by Alexandra Rogovich and Tatyana Korshunova.



Multi Ch Natalie Toys Milan Crufts BOB 2020

Milan travelled over from Belarus in January this year to compete at Manchester in his quest to qualify for Crufts, on that occasion he was handled by Iveta Holyand. Milan has several offspring in the UK, all making their mark in the show ring. BPIB at Crufts 2020 went to Sharlene Harrison's Elema Iz Beloi Rusi At Russlandream who is sired by Milan, as is Fiesta Show Russian Pride (Imp) owned by Iveta Holyand and Amanda Orchard. Pride was BPIB Crufts 2019, Top Puppy 2019 and is current leader Top Dog 2020. The Res Best Bitch at Crufts was also a Milan daughter, Primadonna Iz Beloi Rusi (Imp) owned by Iveta Holyand.

The Russian Toy is a very versatile breed and is not just seen in the show ring. They can also be seen taking part in



The breed can be very good at Agility, Heelwork to Music and Canicross

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Nikki Collins has been having lots of fun training Ollarena Impulsive Hotshot for Agility competitions and Heel Work



A very versatile breed

to Music. Imp is a very athletic dog and is a real natural. At the tender age of just five months Imp took part in a HWM display at the Countryfile Live event at Castle Howard, Yorkshire. Imp is very multi-talented as along with Nikki they have also dipped their toe into the world of dog showing and Nikki was thrilled when Imp won the Puppy Dog class at Crufts this year. We look forward to seeing more of Imp strutting his stuff, leaping over jumps and bending around poles!

We have seen quite a few new exhibitors join us over the past couple of years, for some the Russian Toy is their first ever show dog, for others it maybe a

second breed or the need for a smaller dog.

For whatever reason, the Russian Toy has captivated their hearts, this courageous little dog has made its way into their lives and you soon find out it is not enough to own just one!

The future looks very promising for the Russian Toy both in the show ring and in other activities. The breed club extend its thanks to members and everyone that has helped the breed to its current status in the UK.



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The Russian Toy in the UK

THE FIRST Russian Toys crossed the water into the UK in 2008 and, as the breed increased in popularity, several owners made contact with each other through social media. This group of enthusiasts had the dream of one day having the Russian Toy listed as a recognised breed in the UK and taking their first steps into the show ring. An initial meeting was arranged and on the 25th April, 2015 and the first steps towards forming the Breed Club and reaching that dream had started.

A website and Facebook page was set up and the task of implementing the various databases required to log dogs imported into the UK along with pedigrees and health stats was started. An enquiry was made to the Kennel Club on the procedure of breed recognition and armed with that information the hard work began.

For the application to be considered by the Kennel Club committee we would need to provide at least the following information and documentation:-

- ◆ Names and addresses of UK owners/importers
- ◆ Total number of dogs of the breed in the UK [ideally at least 20, preferably unrelated]
- ◆ Copies of pedigrees of UK dogs - at least 3 generations
- ◆ Proposed breeding plan and indication of available gene pool
- ◆ Indication of temperament and characteristics
- ◆ Recognition status in the country of origin
- ◆ Details of registration body in country of origin
- ◆ Indication of group classification
- ◆ If the breed has been crossbred, when the registry closed
- ◆ Brief history of the breed in its country of origin and photographs
- ◆ Functionality of breed and how widely it is used
- ◆ Breed Standard from country of origin
- ◆ Draft Breed Standard
- ◆ Breed Registration statistics in country of origin [ideally a consistent minimum of 50 per year]; and other countries



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- ◆ Show entry statistics in country of origin and at international level [ideally a minimum of 35 individually exhibited at a single competitive event]
 - ◆ Details of any inherited conditions prevalent in the breed.
- At the time of the application, 44 Russian Toys had been imported

into the UK with an additional 14 puppies born from eight litters in the UK. Those importing were conscious that a diverse gene pool was needed and with the breed club database and advice from Kennels overseas this was achieved.

The gene Pool consisted of 18 males, two were litter brothers and three shared the same sire, the remainder were unrelated. In 19 bitches we had two which shared the same sire, one a litter sister to one of the three males related by sire, the remainder unrelated. Seven of the 44 Russian Toys in the country were either over the age for breeding or neutered and so not included. From the eight litters recorded as born in the UK, six litters had a Co-efficiency of 0.00%, one litter 1.2% and the remaining litter 12.5%.

Registration figures from several countries were also submitted to show the growth of the breed. An average of 4500 Smooth Haired and 5000 Long Haired Russian Toys are registered each year in Russia.

Statistics

Show entry statistics were gathered over a seven-year period from four international shows plus the World Show 2010 - 2016. Entry numbers remained very stable throughout this period and far exceed the required minimum.

Comprehensive information on the health status of the breed, on dogs imported into the UK and statistics from overseas breeds clubs were also included in our application.

Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) had been noted as a health issue relevant to the Russian Toy. However, thanks to breeders working towards eradicating this condition alongside overseas screening protocol and registration requirements PRA is now rarely seen in the Russian Toy. To ensure this is continued in the UK the Russian Toy Club continues to promote regular eye testing. The breed club also introduced a scheme to help all Russian Toy owners and breeders to monitor the occurrence and severity of Patella Luxation.

A to Z of breeds: Russian Toy



We had our second breed seminar in 2019



Since 2017 the breed has been represented at Discover Dogs



We plan to hold our next Breed Appreciation Day in 2021

The application also included details on the formation of the Breed Club along with the current Mission Statement and Code of Ethics, media coverage on the breed and letters of support from the National Breed Club (NKP) of Russia, Swedish Russkiy Toy Club and the Latvian Toy Dog Club.

Finally, prior to sending in the application advice was sought from other breeds that had gone through the procedure. The support and advice given was invaluable and they were now finally ready to send in their application. The application was duly sent to the Kennel Club on the 2nd June, 2016 and waiting game began.

On the 9th February 2017 they heard the news that they had been waiting for, as of 1st July 2017 the Kennel Club would include the Russian Toy on the Imported Breed Register. But this was only the beginning as once recognition became effective on 1st July an Interim Breed Standard could be formulated. They had prepared this in anticipation and forwarded the IBS to the Kennel Club for the attention of the Breed Standards Committee. The Committee would then begin work on the detailed drafting of the wording of each clause. This takes a number of months to complete as there would be ongoing consultation with the club to ensure the description is accurate. Once the Interim Breed Standard is agreed, finalised and published by the Kennel Club, the breed could be exhibited at Kennel Club licensed shows.

Seminar

A Breed Seminar was organised for July 2017. With over 30 attendees it was ideal opportunity for Judges and those looking to add a Russian Toy to the family to become more familiar with the breed and to gain a better understanding of the essential breed points and characteristics.

On the 18th January 2018 the club popped open the champagne as the interim breed standard for the Russian Toy had finally been approved and would be printed in the April edition of the Kennel Club Journal. You can imagine our delight; from the 1st April 2018 the Russian Toy could at last be exhibited at KC licensed shows.

During the wait for the Interim breed standard our application to formalise the Breed Club was also under way. When the club was originally formed it was named the Russian Toy Breed Club UK but for our application to be accepted by the Kennel Club a change to the Registration of Title was required and we therefore agreed on Russian Toy Club UK. The Registration of Title was advertised in the Kennel Club Journal early 2018 and officially approved on the 10th April 2018.

2019 witnessed our second breed seminar under the banner of a Breed Appreciation Day. Again, this was a well-attended event, mainly by judges, with an excellent pass rate on the multiple-choice exam. Candidates also had the opportunity to go over and move several dogs allowing a more in-depth discussion and understanding of the breed. We plan to hold our next BAD in 2021.

Later in the year the breed club made a request to the Kennel Club to re-visit the interim breed standard with a view to altering the Colour section. This was accepted and the colours section was duly changed in December 2019 to read: Black and tan, brown and tan, blue and tan, lilac and tan. Red of any shade, with or without black, brown, blue or lilac overlay. Fawn, cream. Richer shades in all colours preferred. White markings not permitted.

Since October 2017 we have taken part in Discover Dogs both at the Excel and Crufts. This has been a wonderful platform for the Russian

Toy and a great opportunity for them to really show off their wonderful attributes. They just love the attention and quite often we have repeat visitors, each one having their favourite RT to cuddle! In 2018 the Import Breeds were given great coverage by the media leading up to Crufts. This was extra special as our first year exhibiting the Russian Toy at Crufts.

Since 2017 we have seen a stable growth of litter registrations. With 146 Russian Toys currently registered with the Kennel Club, consisting of 81 Imports, and 65 puppies born in the UK from 24 litters. The average COI for litters born in the UK stands at 1.47%. Exhibition entries have also steadily increased over the past two years, being the only Toy currently on the Imported Breed Register it has at several shows been just like having our own breed classes.

I am sure we will see and hear more about the Russian Toy in the show ring over the coming years. This is a breed that is growing steadily in popularity not only as a companion but also getting the attention of judges and other exhibitors who want to know more about this wonderful, charismatic little dog that floats around the ring with a cheeky twinkle in its eye.



The breed is bound to increase in popularity over the coming months and years

Interim breed standard

General Appearance: A small elegant dog, lively, long-legged, with fine bone and lean muscles.

Characteristics: Squarely built. Length of leg is slightly greater than the depth of body. Two coat types – smooth coated and long coated. Large ears carried erect, with fringing on the long haired variety.

Temperament: Active, lively, neither timid nor aggressive

Head and skull: Head small compared to the body. Skull slightly rounded, not too wide. Cheeks only slightly pronounced. Clearly defined stop. Muzzle lean and pointed, slightly shorter than the skull. Lips thin, tight-fitting and dark, or matching coat colour.

Eyes: Quite large, rounded, dark. Lighter eyes permitted in self-coloured dogs. Set well apart and looking straight ahead. Eye rims dark or matching coat colour.

Ears: Large, thin, set high, erect. Fringed in long haired dogs.

Mouth: Jaws strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

Nose: Black or self-coloured.

Neck: Long, lean, slightly arched. Head carried high.

Forequarters: Front legs fine boned, straight and parallel. Shoulders moderate in length, only slightly sloping and forming a rather open angle with the upper arm. Shoulders and upper arms of approximately equal length. Elbows set close to body.



Body: Topline slopes gently from low withers to slightly rounded croup. Back strong and straight with short, slightly arched loin. Chest oval and not too wide. Tucked up belly and drawn up flanks, forming a curved underline.

Hindquarters: Moderately angulated. Seen from the rear, the hind legs are straight and parallel, but standing slightly wider than the forelegs.

Feet: Small, oval, compact, turning neither in nor out.

Tail: Previously customarily docked. Docked: short, carried high. Undocked: sickle tail, carried high when moving.

Gait/movement: Brisk, positive action, maintaining topline on the move.

Coat: Two types. Smooth haired: single coated, short, close-lying, glossy. Without bald patches. Long haired: moderately long (3-5 cms), straight or slightly wavy. Close-lying, not obscuring the natural outline of the body. Hair on the head and on the front part of limbs is short and smooth. Distinct feathering on rear side of limbs. The feet have long, silky hair which completely hides the nails. Ears fringed with thick, long hair. Tail well feathered.

Colour: Black and tan, brown and tan, blue and tan, lilac and tan. Red of any shade, with or without black, brown, blue or lilac overlay. Fawn, cream. Richer shades in all colours preferred. White markings not permitted.

Size: Height at withers: Dogs and bitches: 20 - 28cms (8-11 ins), (tolerance +/- 1 cm) Weight: Dogs and bitches: up to 3 kgs (6 1/2 lbs).

Faults: Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

Note: Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.